

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
EXTERNAL AFFAIRS
LOK SABHA**

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CONFERENCE OF EDITORS
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Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

- (a) whether a conference of editors from South Asian Association for Regional Co-operation (SAARC) Nations has recently been convened;
- (b) if so, the details thereof and the reasons therefor; and
- (c) the reaction of the Government thereto?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (SHRI PRANAB MUKHERJEE)

(a) Yes.

(b) & (c) The Conference was jointly organized by the Ministry of External Affairs and the Media Development Foundation, Chennai and was held in New Delhi on 9-10 February 2007. It was attended by 26 editors from SAARC countries, besides senior Indian editors. The Conference was organized as part of a build-up to the SAARC Summit and intended to bring together and promote people-to-people contacts and media cooperation among SAARC nations.